Carpentry program grads now certified

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Lisa Schaar and her husband stayed with friends and neighbors and even slept in their company truck after Hurricane Harvey destroyed their Rockport home.

"Eventually we lived in a 12-by-4 porch and thought Harvey and there we lived," said Schaar, 51.

After two years of trying to rebuild and recover, Schaar and her husband received a new home from a home assistance program. "September 11 I received a set of keys and we were so blessed," Schaar said.

Schaar is a recent graduate of the Del Mar College Rebuild Texas Carpentry skills training program and wants to give a helping hand to those who were affected. The program is made possible by an $879,000 grant from Rebuild Texas fund, a collaborative project of the Michael and Susan Dell Foundation and the OneStar Foundation.

"The greatest thing that Hurricane Harvey has showed us is that we don't have enough trades people and that's why this program is so important," said Arnold Mendez, DMC project manager of Rebuild Texas.

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"The fundraiser raises money for scholarships, and these scholarships are available to students. They make all the difference in the world," said Escamilla, who has accumulated over $188,000. So far, Del Mar has given out over $147,000. More than 100 people have signed up to rappel off the side of the Holiday Inn Downtown Marina on Oct. 26.

At the end of each semester, professors encourage students to fill out an evaluation on their teaching, and the evaluations are never seen by the faculty.

"We're not required to post them online, and it hasn't been done," Lewis said. "There is some hesitation from the faculty to have them posted. With the new [enrollment management system], teachers could possibly incorporate it.

"Of course they should be on line," Quigley said. "It would make choosing classes much easier if we knew whether or not the professor will care enough when teaching their class."

Bonnette, professor of business administration, agrees with putting evaluations online for students to see.

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Professor evaluations not shared with public

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Del Mar’s Master Chorus performs during their fall showcase at Wolfe Recital Hall on East Campus.

Chorus rocks out to Mount Rushmore

The Del Mar Master Chorus, and guest vocalists from Veterans Memorial, Moody and Flour Bluff high schools, held their fall showcase on Oct. 1 in the Wolfe Recital Hall.

The chorus performed Michael Daugherty’s “Mount Rushmore,” a four-movement piece that was inspired by the famous sculpture in South Dakota.

The fall showcase was conducted by Greg Graf and accompanist Frank Vulpi. See foghornnews.com for upcoming events.

Greg Graf, director of choral activities, plays the piano during the fall showcase. The chorus performed Michael Daugherty’s “Mount Rushmore.”

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Scale building with Scott and Valdar

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Valdar the Viking will be one of the participants to rappel down the side Inn Downtown Marina on Oct. 26.
Unlucky first day this semester; outlook still hopeful

The packed parking lots, classroom confusion and the continuing construction are Del Mar’s specialty. In all duration of the semester previous, bad luck coincided with the problems described.

Ultimately, full classes began this term with my luck taking a backseat, yet again. Quite frankly, many others may have experienced the same thing.

Parking lot may occur every semester, no surprise there. The downfall comes as I scanned the parking lot for a spot, while simultaneously watching the clock tick past. I strive for the perfect parking spot daily. Sadly, my luck would be peculiar if I got the ideal spot.

As expected, I ended up parking on the complete opposite side of the campus and wound up being 10 minutes late. The disappointing luck does not stop there. Previously, I reviewed my schedule countless times to prevent mishaps.

The newest building on campus was highly anticipated by the students and staff. Some classes had not held their first class of the semester.

The minute I drove into the parking lot, I noticed the construction I had seen the previous semester. I clearly remember rolling my eyes and letting out a sigh of exhaustion.

I scrambled to check WebDMC and grabbed all my books. Being that parking already made me late, I also discovered the class gathered in Heritage Hall.

Of course, I would end up parking directly beside the science building I speed-walked past all the construction and started reminding myself, “Everyone is late on their first day” and “I can not be the only one.”

Adding to my mishances, I failed in finding my classroom. Who knew there was a small and hidden hallway that led to the back of the building? Apparently, I did not know this.

All eyes landed on me as I awkwardly rushed past all the students who arrived on time. Despite my hectic morning at Del Mar, I was pleasantly surprised to notice all the familiar and fresh faces in my classes and around the college.

First impressions of Del Mar this year? Some old campus, same old bad luck, but brand new outlook on college. With major classes beginning and the campus slowly growing, I am hopeful my education and luck will prosper too.

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